



**Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Communications**

**Project Officer in Responsible Research and Innovation (Grade V)
Fixed Term Contract of up to 2 Years**

Background and Introduction

NUCLEUS is a four-year Horizon 2020 funded project at Dublin City University which develops, supports and implements inclusive and sustainable approaches to Responsible Research and Innovation within the governance structures of research and Higher Education Institutions in Europe. Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) is the European Commission response to science and technology's impact on society by focusing on gender, engagement, open access, science education, ethics and governance issues in the development of science and technology.

A major goal of this interdisciplinary project will be to facilitate the communication and governance of research and innovation which continuously reflects on and responds to societal needs guided by the principles of RRI. In order to achieve this, NUCLEUS (which stands for New Understanding of Communication, Learning and Engagement in Universities and Scientific Institutions), will combine the RRI resources of 26 institutions from 15 countries, among them leading representatives of 14 universities, to collaboratively identify, develop, implement and support inclusive and sustainable approaches to RRI. By means of a mutual learning and exchange process, the project will reach out beyond the European Research Area by including scientific institutions in China and South Africa. Within a 4-year timeframe NUCLEUS will systematically uncover and analyse structural and cultural obstacles to RRI in scientific institutions. The partners will collaboratively develop innovative approaches to overcome these barriers.

By offering new research and practical recommendations derived from 30 'RRI test beds' across Europe and beyond, NUCLEUS will contribute to the debate on science policies both on a national and European level, including the future design of Horizon 2020 and the European Research Area (ERA).

The School of Communications at DCU has been the leading provider of taught courses in media communications in Ireland for over twenty years. The School pioneered the development of third level teaching and research in communications, journalism and multimedia. One research group in the School of Communications, Celsius, concerns science communication research and this research and innovation cluster is the managing unit for the NUCLEUS project in DCU, among others.

The School of Communications is recruiting a full-time Project Officer in Responsible Research and Innovation for the Celsius team to facilitate and implement the increasing number of engagement and communications activities under the category of RRI that comes within the research and innovation remit of the Celsius research group and the DCU Research Hubs and Platform including those activities that are the focus of the NUCLEUS project.

Duties and responsibilities

Reporting to the Head of the Celsius Research Group, the candidate will be responsible for the following duties related to the NUCLEUS project and other Celsius projects:

Communication training facilitation

- Coordinating research communication training for DCU and connected institutions' staff, by organising and running science communication, public engagement and RRI training courses for DCU staff and our international partners (STEM and humanities and social sciences)
- The RRI Officer will be expected to actively pursue research communication needs of industry, research institutions and public and non-Government agencies, and design workshops for our Celsius trainers and others

Evaluation

- Management and delivery of evaluation strategies and reports for science and technology public engagement and outreach
- The RRI Officer will actively develop needs analysis with potential clients and help design and implement evaluation plans accordingly

Implementation of an RRI Roadmap

- Implementing international collaborative research projects on RRI and setting out toolkits and best practice for DCU researchers, in association with NUCLEUS research partners and stakeholders within society
- Contribution to research and dissemination on the NUCLEUS implementation team activities and deliverables. These will include identification of barriers to RRI in institutions and establishing support mechanisms
- Implementing, managing and validating the RRI toolkits and roadmap, which will be a set of protocols for DCU and 10 other European institutions within the project partner group, to embed RRI in Higher Education Institutions

Engagement

- Planning and implementing state-of-the-art research engagement and knowledge exchange activities between SMEs, social enterprise, civil society and the wider public
- In collaboration with our international NUCLEUS partners, organisation of policy exchange events for dialogue, policy impact and data gathering between stakeholders on issues of RRI, particularly on issues where science and technology interacts with media, national innovation and economic issues
- Assist NUCLEUS partners in the establishment of RRI training and a support network of at least 20 research institutions and initiatives, outside the project partner group, with training based on the previous work of NUCLEUS. These may include funding agencies, science centres, science festivals etc.
- Organising major research communication events at DCU, the headline event for NUCLEUS being for partners in June 2016
- Working with INVENT and the DCU Research and Innovation Hubs in building links with industry for RRI and societal engagement
- Identification of industry, public agency and non-Government agency research communication needs and funding schemes, and organising appropriate DCU response
- Undertake any other duties that may be assigned by the Head of the Celsius Research Group

Qualifications and Experience

Essential

Applicants must have a primary degree, 3 years relevant experience, and a postgraduate qualification in science communication, science and technology studies, innovation studies, or a related discipline. The applicant will demonstrate project management and event management skills, as well as excellent communication skills. They will have demonstrated significant experience in liaising with other agencies for collaborative work and bringing people together to successfully meet demanding deadlines.

Desirable

The successful candidate will ideally have a minimum of three years relevant experience in the organisation of stakeholder and public engagement events. Experience in impact studies, science communication training and public engagement evaluation would be a significant advantage. Ideally they will have interdisciplinary research experience, with particular reference to links between the social sciences and humanities, and the STEM disciplines.

Further information:

More information on the School, including specific areas of research expertise and details of taught programmes, may be found at:

<http://www.dcu.ie/communications/index.shtml> . Celsius projects and events can be found here: <http://dcu.ie/communications/celsius/index.shtml>

Salary Scale: €45,452 - €54,974 per annum

** Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and will be made on the appropriate point of the salary scale, in line with current Government pay policy*

Closing date: 9th March 2016

Informal Enquiries to:

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Application Procedure:

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (Open Competitions) website at <http://www4.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/current.shtml> and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0)1 700 5149; Fax: +353 (0)1 700 5500 Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Ref#237: Project Officer in Responsible Research and Innovation

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to hr.applications@dcu.ie or by Fax: +353 (0)1 700 5500 or by post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9.

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